

News Release

Old Fashioned Ice Cream Social at the U of M, Crookston Features Author Gayla Marty on Wed., Aug. 18, 2010, from 2-4 p.m.

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Ox Cart Days is an exciting time of the summer for the Crookston community, and the University of Minnesota, Crookston is getting involved in the activities. The campus will host the annual Old Fashioned Ice Cream Social on Wednesday, August 18, 2010, from 2 - 4 p.m. on the Campus Mall.

Music will be provided by the Valley Fiddlers under the direction of Val Buchmeier, orchestra director at Crookston High School. Along with the Valley Fiddlers, Author Gayla Marty will be reading and signing her new book, *Memory of Trees: A Daughter's Story of a Family Farm*.

Marty grew up on a farm in east central Minnesota and studied journalism at the University of Minnesota, Twin Cities, including a year at the Université de Tunis in Tunisia, North Africa. She holds a master's degree in creative writing from the University of Minnesota. *Memory of Trees* was published in April 2010 by the University of Minnesota Press. The campus bookstore will have copies of Marty's book available for purchase.

The U of M, Crookston Bookstore will be open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. There will be a special t-shirt on sale for \$6.99 and tickets for the Minnesota State Fair will be offered at a reduced price. The Minnesota Fair will take place August 27 through September 7. Free balloons and tattoos will also be available at the Bookstore for children.



Weather accommodations have been made to hold the ice cream social in the Northern Lights Lounge in the Sargeant Student Center.

Ox Cart Days is an annual Crookston community festival celebrating the heritage and history of the region. To learn more about the events taking place during Ox Cart Days, visit www.visitcrookston.com.

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